

# Strictly Strings Summer Music Camp 2025

June 26th to July 2nd, Thursday - Wednesday

High School Orchestra Room - Room 223

## Session 1

9:00 am - 12:00 pm - Grades 3-12 - Camp Fee: \$550

## Session 2

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm - **Beginners only** - Camp Fee: \$375

*Students are required to bring their own instruments OR make arrangements to rent their own instruments. Here is the website of the vendor we use: <https://www.shopelefantemusic.com/>*



## Schedule for First Session

**9:00 - 10:00** Group Lessons/Ensemble Rehearsal

**10:00 - 10:45** Music Theory/Ear Training/Music History

**10:45 - 11:00** Snack

**11:00 - 12:00** Chamber Music/Ensemble Rehearsal/Technique Study/Team-Building Games

## Schedule for Second Session

**1:00 - 1:45** Small Group Lessons/Technique

**1:45 - 2:15** Rhythm Training/Ear Training/Note-Reading

**2:20 - 2:50** Small Group Lesson/Technique

**2:50 - 3:00** Music Games/Fun Activities



## Have questions?

Please contact Jennifer Curran at [jvc515@verizon.net](mailto:jvc515@verizon.net)

\*Disclaimer: Strictly Strings is a private camp run under the instruction of Jennifer Curran and Brian McGowan. While this program may be consistent with the mission of the Bernards Township Board of Education, it is not a Board of Education endorsed or sponsored program. The program is a private enterprise, entirely separate from the Bernards Township Board of Education.

## Our Philosophy

We believe that a musical education should cultivate the whole child, gradually building many kinds of literacy while developing intuition, reasoning, imagination, and dexterity into forms of expression and communication

## *Meet the Faculty...*

**Ms. Jennifer Curran** is in her 33rd year as the full-time Director of Orchestras at Ridge High School. Ms. Curran received her *Bachelor of Arts in Music Education* from The College of New Jersey and her *MATL* from Nova Southeastern University, *Magna cum laude*. She serves on the NJ All-State Orchestra Procedures Committee as the Region II chair and is a member of the adjunct music faculty at The Pennington School. She has served as conductor of the 2024 and 1999 CJMEA Intermediate Orchestra, the 2000 SJMEA Junior High String Ensemble, and the Lakeland Youth Symphony. She has served as guest conductor/clinician for the ASTA Summer Conference for Strings and for several PMEA Orchestra Festivals. Ms. Curran is committed to providing a full orchestral experience for all of her students in Bernards Township.

**Mr. Brian McGowan** is a music educator, composer and conductor based in NJ. He served as the conductor of the Intermezzo Orchestra of the NJ Intergenerational Orchestra from 2016 - 2023, and has been the Director of Orchestras at William Annin Middle School since 2006. He continues to program the classic repertoire, while also reaching for innovation in new music, conducting 6 composition world premieres, including student compositions, as well as premieres by professional composers such as Mark Fabio, NYU Faculty, Youngmi Ha, and commissioned a work by Kennedy Center for the Arts Fellow, Reena Esmail. He was selected as CJMEA conductor in 2009 and 2013 and for NJMEA All-State Intermediate Orchestra in 2017. In 2018, he was chosen to participate in the International Conductors Master Class with Markand Thakar and Michael Avagliano. He holds a B.A. in music education from NJ City University and a M.A. in Composition from Montclair University. He currently lives in Bedminster, NJ with his two sons, Lachlan and Eamonn.



## Enrollment Form

Please fill out and mail this enrollment form with payment by **Friday, June 13th** to:

Student's Name and Instrument:

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*Strictly Strings Summer Music Camp  
c/o Jennifer Curran  
15 b Seminary Avenue  
Hopewell, NJ 08525*

Address:

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Email:

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Phone Number:

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Student's School & Grade (September 2025):

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**Choose a Session - circle one:**

**First Session    OR    Second Session**